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Ring road deal near complete

'FINISHING TOUCHES' A deal for the southwest ring road is reaching its final stages.

Premier Ed Stelmach told reporters yesterday that Tsuu T'ina First Nations' legal council "is putting the finishing touches on an agreement" that he hopes won't take much longer to finalize and has only taken this long because of a family death on the reserve.

Stelmach said the two sides "shook on an agreement a few months ago" and that "we'll be back at it here soon, but the principles are in place." **METRO CALGARY**

Bullet wound cause of death

18TH HOMICIDE It has been confirmed that Calgary's 18th homicide victim of the year, Yee Sung (Roger) Chin, died as a result of a gunshot wound.

The chief medical examiner released the results yesterday after Chin, 23, was found dead July 5 at 10:45 p.m. in his vehicle in the 5400 block of Centre Street N. Police have determined that his vehicle was struck by several bullets before careening into a tree.

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One dead after tanker explodes

Stampede inside

Legends, firsts and tons of fun

Celeb buzz page 22

Mayer admits to tryst with fan

Wild ride

Left Livid

ROBIN ROMSEY/FOR METRO CALGARY

Kody Lostroh of LaSalle, Colo., was aboard Livid yesterday during the rodeo — but was bucked off, according to official results on the Calgary Stampede website.

Irate over plea

Not-guilty plea 'ridiculous,' says victim's husband

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Kevin Davey could hardly believe his ears.

As Darren Coupal, the man accused of killing Davey's wife, Linda, and injuring his wheelchair bound son, Josh, in a drunken wreck April 30, pleaded not guilty to all 11 charges he faces, Davey's heart sank.

"Nothing positive can come of this," an irate Davey said, noting the loss of his "soulmate" of 24 years has left him searching for meaning while questioning a justice system that has allowed Coupal out on bail and on house arrest.

"I haven't been able to work, I haven't been able to come home and watch TV with my wife, I haven't been able to go shopping with my wife," said Davey. "The accused ... stole my wife and my life from me, I want her back and he's basically been living like nothing ever happened. It's ridiculous."

Coupal, 36, who faces charges of impaired driving, dangerous driving and hit and run, among others, can't consume alcohol, non-prescription drugs or drive under the conditions of his house arrest. But he has been able to attend his daughters' soccer games, his stepson's high school graduation and is allowed out of his home for emergencies and work.

Coupal's defence lawyer, Steve Wojcik, said he believes there are serious issues in the case that warranted the not-guilty plea.

The Crown will seek to revoke Coupal's bail tomorrow. Coupal's trial is slated for July 10, 2009.

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Industry will be involved in carbon plan: Premier

CLIMATE Industry will be involved in carbon-capture's financing.

Premier Ed Stelmach said some media reports of industry abstinence from the province's $2 billion announcement Tuesday for carbon-capture initiatives "were wrong" and he expects some big corporate bucks to be doled out in the future for the initiative.

"We're going to look at all expressions of interest, including how much industry is putting into the construction of the facility," he said while noting "there are some issues we're working through in terms of liability and ownership."

Stelmach, who said five large-scale carbon-capture projects could store five million tonnes of carbon dioxide by 2015, said the initiative would provide "certainty and predictability for industry," while keeping the cash involved in the province.

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CANDICE WARD FOR METRO CALGARY

"Half-pint" the pony greets 7-year-old Wyatt Andres at the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure Stampede pancake breakfast at Southcentre Mall yesterday morning.

Stampede breakfast in pink

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Stampede went pretty in pink yesterday down at Southcentre Mall.

Down to draw attention to their cause and let people get people involved, the CIBC Run for the Cure fundraising team held a Stampede breakfast in the mall's parking lot.

Serving up pink pancakes, along with blueberries, sausages and cookies to eager cowpokes, the committee members were there not only to flip pancakes but to hand out ribbons and pins to promote the cause.

"This is our first year with pink pancakes, so we're pretty excited," said Susan Johnston, co-run director for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure, which happens Oct. 5. Going along with the theme was a truck shrink-wrapped in pink breast cancer décor, and a pony done up with ribbons and bows.

"Lots of kids are getting pictures with the pony," Johnston said.

Though it's the third year this fundraiser has been running, many people weren't aware the fundraiser was happening when they decided to go down.

Joe Sevrens, who planned to head down to Stampede park with his kids afterwards, said he was there for a family outing and just happened to notice the miniature pony in pink.

"She loves all animals," he said as his young daughter, Quinn, reached out to pat the pony's nose.

suspicious death

Cops investigating body found in hotel

BANFF TRAIL City cops are investigating a suspicious death after a body was found in a hotel room in Motel Village.

Police were called to the Ramada in the 2300 block of Banff Trail NW yesterday around 10:30 a.m. after reports a person was found collapsed.

Details are limited but Duty Inspector Dave Wood confirmed a body was found and the police are investigating it as suspicious.

"We really won't know much more until the medical examiner completes his investigation," he added.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

News in brief

APPEAL Thomas Svekla, convicted of second-degree murder in the death of Edmonton prostitute Theresa Innes, filed a notice of a appeal dated July 3. Svekla was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 17 years. METRO HALIFAX

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Explosives company fined

Dyno Nobel Canada Inc., a Calgary-based explosives company, has been fined $90,000 in the Ontario Court of Justice. They pleaded guilty after a worker unloading explosives from the back of a truck broke his leg due to a miscommunication where the driver moved unexpectedly. METRO CALGARY

LRT move could 'be done in phases'

Mayor says there's a lot to consider with the $2B infusion for provincial transit

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Calgary will not be putting all its horses in one stable by immediately pursuing a southeast LRT line, despite massive transit funding announced by the province Tuesday.

Mayor Dave Bronconnier told Metro yesterday that a southeast line "would take up more than the entire program allotted," but said some movement south could "be done in phases" with parts of the $2-billion commitment announced by premier Ed Stelmach.

"A southeast line is next for this city, after the west leg is complete, but there's still a lot to be figured out with regards to this announcement," Bronconnier said, adding northwest and northeast extensions would be better suited to immediate funding, as would ramping up the city's Bus Rapid Transit system.

"This city is getting too big, it takes too long to get anywhere because of the traffic and we definitely need more transit."
Hayley Morrison, transit rider

While regular transit rider Hayley Morrison would like to see a southeast LRT in the works "as soon as possible," she said whatever the city and province can do to pull more cars off the road will be a good thing.

"This city is getting too big, it takes too long to get anywhere because of the traffic and we definitely need more transit, running more often," she said.

At a press conference yesterday in Calgary, Stelmach, adamant that the province's big cities, namely Calgary and Edmonton, need to sit down with their municipal neighbours like Okotoks and Airdrie and begin to address long-distance commuting, specifically by making the most out of light rail, heavy rail and bus combinations.

"It will work because we'll make it work," Stelmach said, with a longer-term goal of connecting Edmonton and Calgary with a commuter line.

Bronconnier, noting 15 per cent of Calgary's commuter crowd comes from outside city boundaries, said there's still a lot of work to be done.

Haskayne No. 2 among peers

EDUCATION Students at the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary are getting great bang for their schooling buck.

Recently ranked second across Canada for their MBA programs and undergraduate programs, second only to the Schulich School of Business and the University of Waterloo respectively, Haskayne came out above schools like Queens and the University of Toronto.

"We were very close to the top," said Katie Wattie with Haskayne School of Business, adding that the school came within two per cent of Schulich and three per cent of Waterloo.

The survey included 38 schools with MBA programs and 47 with undergraduate and gave marks for things like community involvement, student initiatives, faculty research, and research institutes, all of which Haskayne received full marks for.

The school also improved its mark over last year's survey, but held its number two spot.

"I think we've maintained it by just staying really focused on these programs," Wattie said.

She said that the only pressure this has put on the school has been positive and that it wasn't too much of a surprise, since they knew they were doing well.

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CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO CALGARY

Police believe a blown tire may have led to a tandem-trailer rollover and fire yesterday north of the city yesterday afternoon, killing the driver.

Rollover kills tanker driver

CANDICE WARD
for Metro Calgary

One person is confirmed dead after a tandem tanker truck flipped on Highway 566 north of Calgary.

According to police, the accident was most likely caused by tire failure, causing the truck to veer into the south ditch and flip.

"There is not much of the truck left, it's totally burnt, it is just pieces of charred metal," said Insp. Vic Trickett.

The truck was transporting several compartments of diesel and one compartment of gasoline.

The truck burst into flames almost immediately.

The Rocky View Fire Department was quick to respond to the scene and extinguish the flames.

No homes had to be evacuated, despite the size of the blaze.

"There was a small grass fire, but (evacuations) were not necessary," said Trickett.

Environmental Services were on scene to handle the spill of the hazardous material, but the runoff was not believed to be a cause for concern.

"There is no danger that I can see, it all burnt off," said Trickett.

The accident occurred around 12:45 p.m. and closed off a two-mile stretch of the highway for several hours.

The identity of the driver has not been released pending the notification of the next of kin.

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iPhone on its way to Calgary

But will the Apple product live up to its hype?

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

It's where technology geeks, music lovers and fast talkers will meet: the iPhone is coming to Calgary.

Set to be on shelves tomorrow, the 3G iPhone will be available for eager cellphone users to get their hot little hands on.

Troy Lambert, who works at Rogers Plus in Sunridge Mall, said Rogers is "keeping everything hush-hush" and not allowing the displays up until 9 a.m. tomorrow. No one can reserve the phones, it's first-come, first-served, and Lambert says he anticipates line ups for them.

"Everyone just wants one cause it's an iPhone," he said, noting the novelty of it. But he also said the Internet capabilities are better than a BlackBerry, and users can watch videos, view photos, listen to music, and even browse YouTube videos. "They do everything," he said, adding that it's very easy to use.

However, word on the street is that the hype isn't entirely there, especially with the price.

"If I had money I would be eagerly anticipating its arrival," said Calgarian Sarah Code, and adds she, along with her friends, don't have that kind of spare cash to blow on toys. She does admit that the phone "would be so cool."

Others were misinformed about its capabilities, and said they might be interested once they heard what it could do, but Kayla Nielsen disagreed.

"I'm one of the bass-ackward people that don't like (the fancy gadgets)," she said, reminiscing about how simple her old phone was.

pricey gadget

Due to customer complaints, Rogers has recently slashed prices and offered promo data packages, but the gadget itself still comes in at a whopping $199.

ALICIA FOX FOR METRO CALGARY

Troy Lambert, an employee of the Sunridge Rogers Plus store, shows how much the public is allowed to see of the iPhone before its release tomorrow.

News in brief

REPORT Housing starts in the single-family and multi-family home market dropped to their lowest levels since June in 1995 and 1996, according to a report released by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. METRO CALGARY

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Another to return Order of Canada medal
A former lieutenant-governor from New Brunswick said he plans to return his Order of Canada award to protest Dr. Henry Morgentaler's receipt of the distinction. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Canada

"If they take our name, they've taken us."

Green Shift company founder Jennifer Wright, right, at a press conference yesterday announced their intention to sue the federal Liberal Party.

Green Shift

The environmental firm sued the federal Liberal Party yesterday for $8.7 million for using the company's Green Shift trademark as its carbon-tax plan slogan.

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Changing Canadians' image

PM limits African financial aid, greenhouse goals at G8

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who just wrapped up his third G8 summit, has redrawn Canada's image at the influential meetings from a force for progressive change to that of a hard-nosed, conservative player in world politics.

"We've got to have reasonable participation by everybody."
Prime Minister Stephen Harper on greenhouse gas targets

While he criticized U.S. President George W. Bush for refusing for years to accept the need to set targets for greenhouse gas reductions, the Prime Minister rejected the stiff emissions-reduction goals of the Kyoto Protocol as unattainable and an unfair burden on industrialized nations. And Harper, like his U.S. counterpart, kept Canada's climate change commitments to a minimum at this G8.

Critics also accused Harper of trying to limit aid to Africa and stop the pledge to spend $60-billion fighting AIDS and malaria.

Harper, whose approach to post-Kyoto negotiations made Environment Minister John Baird an outcast at crucial talks in Bali last December, continues to insist that efforts to tackle global warming are doomed to failure unless developing countries make the same kind of sacrifices as rich nations.

"We've got to have reasonable participation by everybody," Harper said, noting the G8 is committed to halving greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Native abuse claims higher than expected

Guiliano Zaccardelli

3,000

The number of people who have applied to the federal program to settle sexual abuse claims.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS More than 3,000 people have applied to the federal government's program to settle outstanding sexual or physical abuse claims arising from the Indian residential schools era.

The number of applications for compensation for the first 10 months of the program already exceeds the expected yearly claims by more than 500, and suggests the abusive legacy is a broad one — one that may pose a big challenge for the RCMP if complainants seek justice through the courts.

The residential schools settlement agreement that took effect in September 2007 anticipated 2,500 claims a year, according to Dan Seguin of the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat.

Months ago, a much smaller number — 1,800 — was flagged at RCMP headquarters as having an impact on its resources, possibly requiring special investigative teams.

It is up to individuals to file complaints with police. Most of the abuse disclosures made through the compensation process "will not be pursued criminally," according to the internal RCMP memo

In May 2004, then RCMP commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli apologized for whatever role the RCMP played in the residential schools. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario slaps fee on TV purchases

Funds go to recycling program

Ontario is putting fees on TVs and computers to increase the recycling of electronics in the first phase of a program that will eventually see similar fees apply to nearly all other electronic products.

"We don't want this material to end up in landfill sites."
John Gerretsen

Today, Environment Minister John Gerretsen is signing a regulation that puts in place a recycling program, including per item fees, for all televisions and computers sold in Ontario.

Producers and importers will have to start paying the fees, including $10 for TVs and $2 to $13 for computers, beginning April 1, 2009. Whether the cost of the fees is passed on to consumers, and for how long, remains to be seen.

"We don't want this material to end up in landfill sites. We really think the recycling community is ready for these programs, certainly the general public is ready," Gerretsen said yesterday.

Under the program, the fees, which are expected to total $62 million in the first year, could drop in future years if, for example, the cost to recycle the products decreases because manufacturers have removed lead or mercury components.

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Fallen soldier **Saluted**

FRED THORNHILL/REUTERS

Trenton, Ont. residents gather outside a Canadian Forces Base to honour the arrival of Pte. Colin William Wilmot yesterday. Pte. Wilmot died July 5 after an explosive device was detonated near his patrol in the Panjwayi District of Afghanistan.

News in brief

PAN AM GAMES Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty says he is aggressively lobbying the Prime Minister to get behind a $1.77 billion bid for Toronto to host the Pan Am Games, as agitated bid backers say it's "very urgent" a decision comes soon. Harper has said he is supportive of the idea.

STEM CELL DRIVE The Vancouver friends and family of Toronto woman, Carolyn Tam, 37, who is need of a bone marrow transplant, are holding a stem cell drive on Sunday to help find the rare and much-needed match their friend requires.

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MDS sues over lost medical isotopes
MDS Inc said yesterday it has filed a $1.6 billion claim against Atomic Energy of Canada and the Federal government for scrapping a reactor project that would have supplied the company with medical isotopes. REUTERS

War resister staying, for now

Judge stays deportation order for American deserter

Yesterday morning, American war resister Corey Glass was preparing to leave the country. By mid-afternoon, the Federal Court put those plans on hold.

LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Just 20 hours before Corey Glass was set to become the first U.S. military deserter deported from the country at 9 a.m. today, Deputy Justice Orville Frenette issued a stay of order yesterday.

Just 20 hours before Glass was set to become the first U.S. military deserter deported from the country at 9 a.m. today, Deputy Justice Orville Frenette issued a stay of the order.

Glass, 25, will be allowed to stay in Canada until the courts decide whether to review a pair of decisions made on his case by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

"I'm stoked," Glass said. "I was ready, I was all packed up to go."

In fact, he had more than simply packed up the meagre contents of his Parkdale apartment. He had moved out and quit his job at a nearby funeral home. Now, he will be looking for a new apartment and trying to get his job back.

Glass came to Canada in August 2006 after going AWOL on a temporary leave earlier that year. The former American National Guardsman had worked in a military intelligence unit in Iraq for eight months. Like many other resisters, his application for refugee status in Canada was rejected last year on the grounds he was still entitled to due process in the U.S.

The ruling yesterday allows Glass to stay until another Federal Court judge determines whether those hearings should be reviewed by a different officer. That decision is likely at least two months away, his legal representative said yesterday.

Though pleased with yesterday's ruling, Glass said his concerns now turn to Robin Long, a war resister being held in police custody in B.C. while awaiting deportation. Arrested earlier this week, Long could be deported as early as Monday.

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Fingerprinting plan will bog down airports: Air Canada

SECURITY Canadians flying home from the United States could find themselves standing in longer lineups at airport check-in counters if a U.S. proposal to fingerprint some exiting foreigners is adopted, the country's largest airline warns.

In a recent U.S. filing, Air Canada said the Department of Homeland Security's plan to expand a fingerprinting program to include passengers leaving the country by 2009 would be a "big step backward" for airlines, bogging down a check-in process that's becoming increasingly automated. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Death of a couch potato

A Russian woman in St Petersburg killed her drunk husband with a folding couch, Russian media reported yesterday. St Petersburg's Channel Five said the man's wife kicked a handle activating a mechanism that folds the couch up against a wall. REUTERS

World

Brothel offers free gas

A Nevada brothel is trying to stimulate business by offering free gasoline. Clients of the Shady Lady Ranch will get a $50 gas voucher if they fork out $300 — worth about one hour's worth of services — at the brothel in Beatty, Nev., 210 kilometres northwest of Las Vegas.

Iran shows off its firepower

Mideast nation test-fires missiles they say can hit Israel, U.S. bases

Iran test-fired nine missiles yesterday and warned the United States and Israel it was ready to retaliate for any attack over its disputed nuclear projects.

Washington, which says Iran seeks atomic bombs, told Tehran to halt further tests. Iran, the world's fourth largest oil producer, says its nuclear programme is only for electricity.

Iran later announced night-time missile manoeuvres, and its missile tests rattled oil markets, helping crude prices to rebound about $2 a barrel after recent falls.

Speculation that Israel could bomb Iran has mounted since a big Israeli air drill last month. U.S. leaders have not ruled out military options if diplomacy fails to end the nuclear row.

Revolutionary Guards air force commander Hossein Salami said in televised comments that thousands of missiles were ready to be fired at "pre-determined targets." Missiles were shown soaring from desert launchpads, leaving long vapour trails.

"We warn the enemies who intend to threaten us with military exercises and empty psychological operations that our hand will always be on the trigger and our missiles will always be ready to launch," he said, according to ISNA news agency.

"Another night missile manoeuvre is taking place right now," Salami told state television later. He did not elaborate.

The White House told Iran to "refrain from further missile tests if they truly seek to gain the trust of the world." REUTERS

REUTERS/IRAN TV VIA REUTERS TV

A video grab from Al Alam television shows three of nine long- and medium-range missiles being fired during a test in Iran yesterday. Iran test fired nine missiles, including one which it has previously said could reach Israel and U.S. bases in the region, state media in Iran reported yesterday.

Scientists say moon has water on it

STUDY Tiny green and orange glass balls brought back from the moon nearly 40 years ago by astronauts show evidence that water existed there from the very beginning, scientists reported yesterday.

They used a new method of analyzing elements in the lunar sand samples to show strong evidence of water, dating back 3 billion years.

Their study, published in the journal Nature, could support evidence that water persists in shadowed craters on the moon's surface — and that the water could be native to the moon and not carried there by comets.

Most scientists believe the moon was formed when a Mars-size body collided with Earth 4.5 billion years ago. REUTERS

Mayor wants Rome to be fashion mecca

ITALY Rome's new right-wing mayor says he wants to turn the ancient city into a modern hub for budding fashion designers, dismissing criticism that the city's rich art and culture credentials will take a beating under his command.

Gianni Alemanno was elected on a law and order ticket and had frequently attacked his centre-left predecessor for focusing on glitz and rolling out the red carpet to stars and musicians. REUTERS

News in brief

HAPPY NEWS Romania's constitutional watchdog yesterday ruled against draft legislation that would require radio and television stations to air more "happy" news saying that it breaches the constitution. REUTERS

Zimbabwe condemns G8's 'racist campaign'

SANCTIONS Zimbabwe denounced the Group of Eight rich nations' support for sanctions on its officials yesterday as part of a colonial and racist effort led by Britain and the United States to install a puppet government.

A draft U.N. resolution calling for sanctions on President Robert Mugabe's government would include an arms embargo and financial and travel restrictions on 14 officials.

"We condemn this colonial and racist campaign against our country and government, but we are also very cognizant that it is Britain and the United States who are leading this campaign whose ultimate goal is to have their puppets in power," Zimbabwean Information Minister Sikhanyiso Ndlovu said.

The two Western allies successfully lobbied their G8 partners at a summit this week to back sanctions on Zimbabwe's leadership for holding a violent June 27 presidential poll boycotted by opposition candidate Morgan Tsvangirai.

Mugabe

They say Mugabe's re-election was a sham and want the 15-nation U.N. Security Council to also punish the 84-year-old ruler. Washington and other Western capitals are pushing for the council to vote for sanctions this week.

"There should be no safe haven and no hiding place for the criminal cabal that now make up the Mugabe regime," British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said. REUTERS

Hunger numbers soar

Costly food and oil pushed 133 million more people onto world hunger rolls in 2007, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department, which changed its 10-year outlook to a rise in hunger instead of a decline.

The USDA's annual Food Security Assessment said the number of "food-insecure" people in 70 developing countries rose to 982 million in 2007 from 849 million in the prior year.

The number of people struggling to obtain food could rise to 1.2 billion by 2017, USDA warned in a reversal of last year's forecast which saw the number of hungry people declining during the next 10 years in all regions, except Sub-Saharan Africa.

The USDA defines food insecurity as having difficulty acquiring enough food for the household throughout the year.

"Over the next decade, a slowdown in worldwide economic growth is projected to combine with food and fuel price hikes to contribute to an ongoing deterioration in global food security," USDA said.

"This will have a particularly negative impact on the developing countries that are already the most food-insecure — those in Sub-Saharan Africa" such as Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan and Mozambique.

Prices for wheat, corn, soybeans and rice have surged to record highs in recent months amid disappointing global harvests, growing demand for biofuels and rising appetites for better diets.

Around the world, rising food prices have lead to hoarding, bread lines and food riots. REUTERS

dropping food aid

USDA said global food aid also is under pressure. During 2004-2006, food aid fell to about 7.4 million tonnes, a drop of 25 percent. Rising food prices and transportation costs have prompted the United States, the world's largest food aid donor, to cut shipments by roughly 50 percent during the last 5 years.

Cat adopts panda
A newborn red panda rejected by its mother in Amsterdam's Artis zoo has been adopted by a domestic cat, the zoo said on Friday. The cat is nursing the red panda, currently about the size of a kitten, along with her own four kittens, the zoo said. REUTERS

3,000-year-old artifacts found

Bolivian dig site unearths ceremonial site

Archeologists have begun digging at an ancient ceremonial site in eastern Bolivia to piece together the rites and daily life of cultures dating as far back as 3,000 years ago.

Locals stumbled upon the remains while clearing the ground to build a new market in the picturesque town of Copacabana, a tourist hot spot on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

Many of the unearthed tombs, textiles, clay pots and jewelry belonged to the well-documented Tiwanaku and Inca cultures that populated the area hundreds of years ago.

But some relics go back as far as 3,000 years, when a little-known religious tradition called Yayamama is thought to have flourished in the Andes.

"They carved sculptures (in stone) with a man on one side and a woman on the other," said archeologist Sergio Chavez, who works for Central Michigan University, of the United States.

> **"To understand the present and plan for the future, we have to look at the past."**
> Sergio Chavez, archeologist

The sculptures, which also feature two-headed snakes and geometric shapes, are still revered by local indigenous groups.

The Yayamama built a series of small temples by the lake, each two hours by foot from the other, Chavez told Reuters.

Wearing an Indiana Jones-style fedora hat, Chavez said he will study the stratified remains to try to better understand how different Andean cultures evolved.

Outside, a group of Aymara Indians whom Chavez trained cleared the earth around tombstones and large clay pots in search of small artifacts.

"There's a lot to be proud of in here, and we have to find our identity in these things. To understand the present and plan for the future, we have to look at the past," he said.

But the U.S.-trained archeologist said not everyone in Copacabana, near the border with Peru, is as excited about the past as he is.

Locals are determined to finish the construction of the market they started in June, and Chavez said he feels rushed. REUTERS

Caribbean **William takes part in disaster rehearsal**

JOHN STILWELL/REUTERS

Britain's Prince William, left, speaks with surgeon Lieutenant Darren Minshall at Soldier Ghaut during a disaster relief rehearsal with the crew of HMS Iron Duke, on the island of Montserrat on Monday. William took part in a hurricane disaster exercise in the Caribbean.

News in brief

SECURITY Iraqi security forces will largely be able to fight on their own without combat help from U.S. ground forces by the middle of 2009, the senior U.S. Army officer in charge of training Iraqi forces said yesterday.

VIOLENCE Bombs killed at least 14 people and wounded dozens in northern and western Iraq yesterday, but the Iraqi military said overall attacks across the country were down 85 per cent from a year ago.

TRAIN Four engines pulling a freight train tumbled into the Mississippi River in northeastern Iowa yesterday after hitting a landslide that may have been caused by heavy rains, officials said. REUTERS

standard of living

Jews live longer than Arabs in Israel

REPORT Jews live longer and enjoy lower infant mortality and poverty rates in Israel than the country's Arab citizens, said a report published yesterday by a watchdog partly funded by the European Union.

The report by Sikkuy, a liberal group that promotes reconciliation efforts, said that these and other gaps in living standards were in part a result of discriminatory Israeli policies in allocating funds to Jewish and Arab towns. REUTERS

Fossils may help solve fish evolution question

STUDY Some odd-looking fish fossils discovered in the bowels of several European museums may help solve a lingering question about evolutionary theory, U.S. researchers said yesterday.

The 50 million-year-old fossils — which have one eye near the top of their heads — help explain how flatfish such as flounder, sole and halibut developed the strange but useful trait of having both eyes on one side. For flatfish, which lie on their sides at the bottom of the sea, this arrangement gives them the use of two watchful eyes.

But the trait has posed a problem for evolutionary biologists because no one had found any fossils showing intermediate steps in the evolution of this trait.

"The important thing about this study is it delivers evidence of those intermediates," said Matt Friedman of The Field Museum and the University of Chicago, whose study appears in the journal Nature. REUTERS

missing link

This missing link in the evolution of flatfishes has been seen as a hole in the theory of natural selection.

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Spain set to overtake France in wine production

France could lose its status as the biggest wine producer to Spain by 2015 because Spanish wine growers are improving the yield of their vines while the French are shifting focus to higher quality and lower volume production, says a Credoc centre study. REUTERS

Business

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Housing **Starts drop**

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Construction workers frame a house in Ottawa yesterday. The number of housing starts dropped in June but the previous month's figure was upwardly revised, which convinced economists the sector is not headed for a U.S.-style meltdown.

Gehry takes designs to U.K.

BUILDINGS Architect Frank Gehry, whose distinctive asymmetric, curved buildings are admired the world over, has unveiled his first structure in England, a country he says does not appreciate his ideas. The temporary wood and glass installation, commissioned by the Serpentine Gallery in London's Kensington Gardens, is Gehry's first collaboration with son Samuel. REUTERS

Bell, Telus in hot spot

The federal government tried to pre-empt a consumer revolt against BCE Inc. and Telus Corp. yesterday, demanding explanations on their new pricing policy for text messages.

Both companies announced they would begin charging from next month 15 cents for incoming text messages, which have been free until now.

Industry Minister Jim Prentice said he was particularly concerned that users could be charged for unsolicited, unwanted or spam messages.

The New Democratic Party launched an online petition demanding a reversal of the policy yesterday. Within hours, 5,000 people had signed it.

The party's I'm Against The Text Message Cash Grab group on Facebook has attracted 2,500 members, the party said in a release.

Telus defended its decision, saying the volume of text messages has skyrocketed and most U.S. carriers already charge for getting them. REUTERS

text messages

There are more than 20 million wireless phone subscribers in Canada and they send 45.3 million text messages a day, an industry group says.

News in brief

MORTGAGES Canada tightened the rules on government-backed mortgages yesterday, reducing the maximum amortization period to 35 years from 40 years. It will also require a minimum downpayment of 5 per cent; previously, insurance was available for up to 100 per cent of the value of a house. REUTERS

ELECTRIC MINI BMW said it will conduct field tests on several hundred electric-powered Mini brand cars over the coming months to explore the technology. BMW has long propagated hydrogen-based powertrains and has leased a small fleet of Hydrogen 7 luxury cars to VIPs. REUTERS

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Calgary Stampede

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Do you wanna go faster? Caleb Mwangi, 10, Tyson, 12, and sister Queen Quiadisimao, 12, take a ride on the Polar Express at the Calgary Stampede BMO Kids' Day yesterday.

Calgary Stampede

Segway a hit at Round-Up Centre

BY **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
METRO CALGARY

Rolling into the future at 20 km an hour on a personal transporter is not the transportation of tomorrow anymore — it's here today.

The Segway, a mobile personal transporter, is a huge hit at the Calgary Stampede with thousands of visitors trying the unique product at the Round-Up Centre.

"People love it. A lot of people have been coming through and trying it and we've actually sold out and have some on order," owner of Segway Canada Chris Szydlowski told Metro.

The two-wheeled electric mobile device uses the way people shift their bodies to move the system, always balancing so there is no risk of falling.

Dubbed 'the way of the future', the device will cut down on gas costs and emissions in the environment too, Szydlowksi said.

"There has never been anything like this before."
Chris Szydlowski

"There has never been anything like this before. It is changing the cultural ways of how people get around."

Barb Milham had nothing but good things to say after she spun around an obstacle course set up for visitors to try out the Segway.

"As a senior citizen I think it's a great product. I think it is certainly fuel efficient, but also a good way to help with coordination and balance," she said, adding she might look into purchasing one herself.

Chris Szydlowski, Owner of Enviro-Glide Rentals Inc., whips along a small trail set up at the Round-up Centre to show the versatility of the Segway Personal Transport.

Model search at Stampede

BY **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
METRO CALGARY

Hundreds of aspiring models have been taking to the Calgary Stampede stage in hopes of winning a Mode Models contract.

Some have been lining up in droves to have their photos taken and strut their stuff down the catwalk in front of applauding fans in the Stampede's Get-Away area of the Big Four Building, and some are just doing it for fun.

Cody Harbidge, 21, said although he has cousins in the family who are models, it wasn't one of his career aspirations.

"I actually don't want them to find out," he laughed. "It was my friend's birthday and he did it so I said I would do it, too."

But Bill Giofu, director of Mode Models, said they are hoping to find some models from the Calgary Stampede stage they can take local, national and even internationally.

"We are doing this to find some talent and that is what we're looking for. They are having fun doing it," he said.

Kids keeping Stampede clean

BY **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
METRO CALGARY

Waste not, want not – these kids are picking up what you're putting down.

The Boys and Girls Club of Calgary and Waste Management (WM) have teamed up to form the Calgary Stampede Green Team introducing kids as young as 12 into the work world during the exhibition.

"It's a really great opportunity for them to get out there and learn about life and social skills while making some money and friends, too," Adrienne Floyd of Boys and Girls Club told Metro. "They really enjoy the people and it's nice weather for them."

There are 220 kids in the waste management program between the ages of 12 and 18 working the park by picking up garbage and recycling.

"It helps them build bonds with other kids too and they are learning about the environment. Though they are pretty tired by midweek and some even call in sick," she laughed.

Alberta law says kids must be 14 or older to work, so special permits were required to employ the kids, but the partnership has been running strong for 36 years.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Zenon Walsh and Chantelle Dannewald-Stern, both from the Boys and Girls Club of Calgary, give Stampede Park a clean sweep.

Zenon Walsh, 14, and Chantelle Dannewald-Stern, 14, were part of the waste management crew yesterday on BMO Kids Day and said the best part about the gig is making new friends.

"I just really like the people we meet here, and it's better making friends here than at school. Everyone is really nice," Walsh said.

Dannewald-Stern told Metro she didn't mind working hard and enjoyed the nice weather and exercise while working the garbage detail.

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Rodeo Results

Bareback

Gray, Ryan	Petersburg TX	Rockin Roll	87.0
Jayne, Evan	Marseille FR	Miss Ameritile	85.5
McDaniel, Justin	Porum OK	Kool Toddy	85.0
Lait, Matt	Stavely AB	Painted Smile	82.5
Gerke, Cimmaron	Brighton CO	Wiskey Bent	82.0
Davis, Jess	Payson UT	Sam	81.0
Ford, Heath	Greeley CO	Boardwalk	79.0
Lowe, Will	Canyon TX	Country Wages	74.5
Mote, Bobby	Culver OR	Mystic River	67.0
Havens, Jason	Prineville OR	Mystic River	DR

Bull Riding

Thomson, Tyler	Black Diamond AB	Red Devil	86.5
Smart, Chance	Philadelphia MS	Cuttin' Corners	85.0
Petersen, Wiley	Pocatello ID	Hell Bent	83.5
Silcox, Wesley	Santaquin UT	Bone Doctor	83.0
Lee, Mike	Decatur TX	Back Track	80.0
Hill, Beau	Columbia Falls MT	Hell's Sake	BO
Mezei, Devon	Scandia AB	Boom Town	BO
Schumacher, BJ	Hillsboro WI	Moccasin Bead	BO
Lostroh, Kody	LaSalle CO	Livid	BO
Willingham, Sean	Summerville GA	Bad Debt	BO

Tie-Down Roping

Smith, Stran	Childress TX	7.7
Edge, Dean	Rimbey AB	7.9
Becker, Marty	Edmonton AB	8.3
Chapman, Jeff	Athens TX	9.0
Herrin, Hunter	Apache Ok	15.7
Swor, Cade	Chico TX	17.3
Bouchard, Alwin	Scandia AB	NT
Burk, Blair	Durant OK	NT
Maass, Justin	Giddings TX	NT
Brazile, Trevor	Decatur TX	NT

Steer Wrestling

Miller, Jason	Lance Creek WY	3.5
Sumpter, Wade	Fowler CO	3.7
McMillen, Casey	Craig CO	3.9
Moore, Clayton	Pouce Coupe BC	4.8
Knowles, Trevor	Mt Vernon OR	5.1
Greenfield, Shawn	Lakeview OR	5.8
Gorsuch, Dean	Gering NE	7.7
Graves, Stockton	Newkirk OK	11.8
Branquinho, Luke	Los Alamos CA	13.5
Bell Jr., Joey	Malakoff TX	13.9

Ladies Barrel Racing

Key-Fischer, Tammy	Ledbetter TX	17.29
Sears, Lindsay	Nanton AB	17.49
Jatzlau, Jackie	Giddings TX	17.78
Seitz, Joleen	Savona BC	17.92
Myllymaki, Rachael	Simi Valley CA	17.99
Powell, Molly	Stephenville TX	18.10
Grant, Cathy	Granton ON	18.16
Gee, Maria	Stanford MT	18.88
Moody, Jill	Letcher SD	27.87
Baucom, Codi	Anderson SC	28.48

Saddle Bronc

No results available.

Chuckwagon Results

HEAT 1		
Sunset Ridge of Cochrane	Troy Dorchester	1:15.56
Friends of Heritage Park	Tim Haroldson	1:16.76
Cam Clark Trailers	Ross Fisher	1:19.04
Kidz Wagon	Ross Knight	1:20.33
HEAT 2		
Jayman MasterBUILT Chickwagon	Rick Fraser	1:16.44
& Heninger Toyota	Shane Nolin	1:17.30
Chariot Express	Roger Moore	1:17.78
X-Treme Oilfield Technology	Jim Knight	1:21.34
HEAT 3		
CMP Chevrolet Pontiac Buick GMC Cadillac	Mike Vigen	1:16.90
Pacrim Hospitality Services	Todd Baptiste	1:17.06
Tide Firewagon	Grant Preece	1:17.61
Carma Developers	Sean DeBolt	1:17.70
HEAT 4		
Super 8 Motels	Neal Walgenbach	1:16.50
High River Autoplex & RV	Colt Cosgrave	1:17.28
Hotel Villa del Sueno	Norm Cuthbertson	1:18.70
Borden Ladner Gervais	Troy Flad	1:19.09
HEAT 5		
WestJet	Kurt Bensmiller	1:16.95
B & R Eckels Transport Ltd	Doug Irvine	1:17.02
ATB Financial	Chad Harden	1:18.17
Airstream Heating & Airconditioning	Ray Mitsuing	1:21.72
HEAT 6		
Express Employment Professionals & Ranches	Wayne Knight	1:15.49
Edo Japan & the Mavericks	Brian Laboucane	1:15.76
Cam Clark Ford Sales Ltd	Kirk Sutherland	1:16.06
The Lucid Group of Companies	Vern Nolin	1:16.90
HEAT 7		
Cargill	Reg Johnstone	1:20.02
Calbridge	Rae Croteau	1:25.94
Royal Liquor Merchants/Zirco	Gary Gorst	1:16.24
Friends of SAIT Chuckwagon /PCL Construction	Mark Sutherland	1:17.30
HEAT 8		
Shaw GMC Pontiac Buick Hummer	Jason Glass	1:14.10
Blackmont Capital Inc	Jerry Bremner	1:15.14
Country 105 & The Cowboys Posse	Luke Tournier	1:15.92
The Wilderness Club	Grant Profit	1:16.32
HEAT 9		
Friends of the Mavericks	Leo Tournier	1:25.40
ACERA Developments - TRC Ranch	Buddy Bensmiller	1:15.68
LaFarge Canada	Hugh Sinclair	1:16.42
Talk & Train from The Hear Now Inc.	Kelly Sutherland	1:16.60

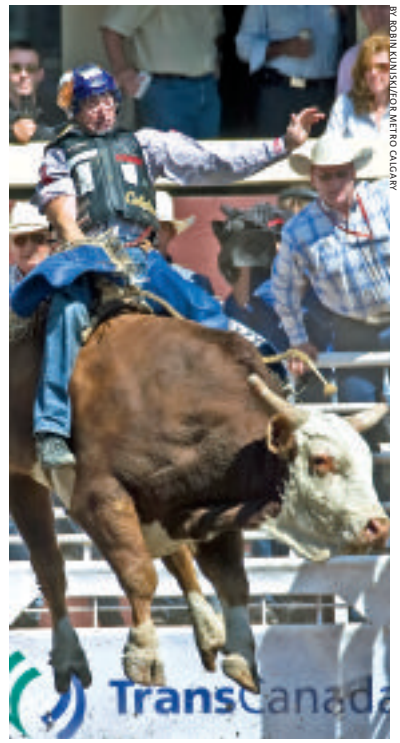
Stampede Music Lineup

Coca-Cola Stage

11:30 a.m., 1 p.m.: Toopy & Binoo
2, 5 p.m.: Terry Stokes
3:30 p.m.: Toopy & Binoo
7 p.m.: BC/DC
9 p.m.: MerQury

Nashville North Stage

1 p.m.: FOXX Worthee
2:30 p.m.: Country Superstars
3:30 p.m.: FOXX Worthee
4:30 p.m.: Country Superstars
5:30 p.m.: FOXX Worthee
6:30 p.m.: Country Superstars
7:30 p.m.: FOXX Worthee
9 p.m.: Mark Chestnutt
11, 12:15 a.m.: Hey Romeo



BY ROBIN KUNIS/FOR METRO CALGARY

Sean Willingham got into some trouble with Bad Debt — and couldn't hang on to get in the cash yesterday at the Calgary Stampede Rodeo.

Calgary Stampede

Stampede art honours 'most serene animal'

BY **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
METRO CALGARY

A legend and a first, the Calgary Stampede unveiled the 2009 poster depicting the world's greatest rodeo horse — and created by a female for the first time in Stampede history.

Native Albertan Jody Skinner, who currently lives in Calgary, was approached to create the traditional Stampede poster of legendary rodeo horse Grated Coconut and worked with incoming Stampede president David Chalack.

"I have always been impressed with the way Jody captures the horse in action. With a passion for the western way of life,

"It was a very special opportunity for me."
Jody Skinner, artist

Jody has immersed herself in Stampede experiences," Chalack said.

The humble Skinner said she was honoured to have been a key part of the poster and in bringing to life the pure power of Grated Coconut for all to see.

"It was a very special opportunity for me and it's a privilege to have had the opportunity to capture one of the world's finest athletes on canvas," she said of the magnificent horse.

And perhaps most familiar with the horse's pure athleticism and determination, is the cowboy who rode him to the world record with an amazing 95 point ride — Davey Shields Jr.

"I'm not surprised, he definitely deserves it. He is a challenging horse to ride, but he is the most serene animal when you're not. He likes to be petted, but once you get on him he's ready to go," Shield's Jr. said.

And for only the third time in Stampede history the original artwork will be auctioned off tonight between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Round-Up Centre with all proceeds to be split between the Calgary Stampede Foundation and the artist.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Jody Skinner is the proud artist of the new stampede art for the 2009 poster featuring Grated Coconut the world famous bucking horse. The new poster art was unveiled at the Round-up Centre yesterday.

Housing
Beijing has recruited more than 1,000 households to provide rooms for tourists during the Olympic Games. REUTERS

Beijing Games

PHOTOS BY STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mark Oldershaw says he is ready to face off against the world's finest at the Olympic Games in Beijing next month.

Paddle to the podium

Canoeist Oldershaw follows family tradition to get to Olympics

ERIC BOWLING
for Metro Canada

Olympic-bound solo flatwater canoeist Mark Oldershaw is fulfilling his self-determined destiny in Beijing this August.

According to Oldershaw, backed up by his mom, Connie Lee Oldershaw, he has wanted to paddle to the podium since he was eight-years-old.

"It's been a dream since I was a little kid," says Oldershaw, who is also picking at an English degree at Carleton University when he's not seeking global championships. "I grew up with the Olympics as part of my life with my grandfather, father and uncles all competing at the Olympics."

With four relatives now spanning three generations with Olympic experience, boating is in the Oldershaws' blood. His family is so intertwined with the sport that his coach also happens to be his father, Scott Oldershaw.

"It's good to have coaching pretty much 24/7," he says.

"I can get coaching at the dinner table or at the club. Whenever I need it, he's there."

Oldershaw qualified for the Olympic Games in the C1 500m at the 2008 Flatwater Racing World Cup in Szeged, Hungary on June 5. Since then, he has been chiefly focusing on physical fitness, spending his time between his hometown of Burlington, Ont., and Ottawa.

"I'm getting back more into basics," Oldershaw, 25, says. "Trying to get running again, back into the weight room to get stronger. Just working hard until around the beginning of August, when I'll tone it down and try to peak for Beijing."

While reports on the pollution and heat in Beijing are jarring for some athletes, Oldershaw is nonchalant about how much of a factor it will be.

"I was there (in Beijing) in 2006. To be honest, it was a clear day and I couldn't see any smog and I could breathe fine," he said, adding that Toronto is both exceedingly hot in the summer and doesn't boast the cleanest of air.

"When it comes down to it, everyone's going to be breathing the same air."

He figures the layout of the course will be a far greater factor in the race, although he has seen the Beijing course and is confident that he'll do well.

"It's pretty wide open, so that every lane should be fair," he says.

"Sometimes if there are big trees on one side of the course, one side of the course will be better than the other."

While he knows he's got his work cut out for him if he's going to taste gold in Beijing, Oldershaw is ready to face off against the world's finest.

"The Olympic champion is Andreas Dittmer from Germany, and the last year's world champion is David Cal from Spain, but it's such a close race that any given day a whole handful of people could get on the podium. I consider myself one of [those] handful of people."

Even among his family, he is considered the best of his breed.

"Mark has always been the most intense," his mom Connie Lee says.

"It's where he's supposed to be."

Flatwater canoeist Mark Oldershaw, left, sits with his coach — and father — Scott Oldershaw.

"(Going to the Olympics has) been a dream since I was a little kid."
Mark Oldershaw

Bio bits

NAME: Mark Oldershaw
HOMETOWN: Burlington, ON
BIRTHDATE: Feb. 7, 1983
HEIGHT: 6'1"
SPORT: Canoe kayak

Sarkozy to attend Games' opening

POLITICS The head of the European Parliament said he would skip the Beijing opening ceremony yesterday, hours after French President Nicolas Sarkozy said he would attend.

The announcement by Sarkozy's office unleashed a storm of criticism in the European assembly, with lawmakers accusing him of letting down EU efforts to pressure China on civil rights and Tibet. REUTERS

Chambers' fate known next week

ATHLETICS Sprinter Dwain Chambers will find out next week if he is eligible to compete in Beijing after a date was set for his legal challenge to the British Olympic Association's life ban for drug cheats.

The full hearing is unlikely to take place until March, but Chambers, who completed a two-year ban in 2006, will find out next Wednesday if he has an injunction against the bylaw, making him eligible for the Games. REUTERS

Hurdles champ forced to quit

ATHLETICS World 400-metre hurdles champion Jana Rawlinson has been forced to withdraw from next month's Olympic Games team because of a long-standing toe injury, the Australian Olympic Committee said yesterday. REUTERS

Sports in brief

BASKETBALL China's NBA All-Star Yao Ming is back in training after surgery and looking good for the Olympics, teammate Yi Jianlian said yesterday. REUTERS

TV Broadcasters will be able to transmit live by satellite from around Beijing and Tiananmen Square during the Games, the International Olympic Committee said yesterday. REUTERS

Tomorrow's lineup

SPLASHING OUT Once the absent underdogs of the sport, the Canadian men's water polo team is looking to make a big splash at the Olympics. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

28 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Tennis

World No. 1 Roger Federer, Wimbledon champion Rafael Nadal and Australian Open winner Novak Djokovic are the first three players to qualify for the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai, organizers said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Sports

Brand joins Sixers

The Philadelphia 76ers signed forward Elton Brand yesterday in one of the most significant free agent deals of the off-season. The Sixers did not release details of the deal but media reports said the 29-year-old had signed a five-year contract worth $82 million US. Reuters

Emery signs with Russian club

Ex-Senators goaltender agrees to play in new Contenental league

Former Ottawa Senators netminder Ray Emery has agreed to a one-year deal with Atlant Mytishchi of the new Russian Continental Hockey League.

The deal is reportedly worth $2 million US.

The 25-year-old Emery who was cut loose by the Sens last month, went 12-13-4 with a 3.13 goals-against average and an .890 save percentage last season.

In other hockey moves yesterday:

• The Washington Capitals signed forward Brooks Laich to a three-year contract. Laich, 25, played in all 82 games for Washington last season, recording 21 goals and 16 assists.

Over four seasons in the NHL he has appeared in 233 games, one with Ottawa and the remainder with Washington, and has totaled 36 goals and 41 assists.

• The San Jose Sharks re-signed restricted free agent defenceman Christian Ehrhoff to a three-year contract.

Ehrhoff, 26, notched a goal and 21 assists for 22 points in 77 games for the Sharks last season, in addition to leading the team with 108 blocked shots.

Emery

• The Montreal Canadiens inked defenceman Josh Gorges to a three-year deal.

Gorges, 23, saw action in 62 games for Montreal last season, tallying nine assists and 32 penalty minutes.

• The Atlanta Thrashers re-signed left-winger Eric Boulton to a multi-year contract extension.

The 31-year-old Boulton played in a career-high 74 games for the Thrashers last season and totaled four goals and five assists.

• The New York Islanders signed hard-nosed defenceman Brendan Witt to a two-year contract extension worth $6 million.

Witt has complied three goals, 18 assists and 182 penalty minutes in 140 games the past two years with the Isles.

• The Columbus Blue Jackets have given head coach Ken Hitchcock a three-year contract extension through 2011-12 season.

Hitchcock has held the reins behind the bench since being hired by the club on Nov. 22, 2006.

• The Carolina Hurricanes signed forward Chad LaRose to a one-year deal. The deal will pay $875,000 for the upcoming season.

Last season, in 58 games, the 26-year-old LaRose scored a career-high 11 goals and added 12 assists.

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SCOREBOARD

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 9 Baltimore 8
Boston 18 Minnesota 5
Detroit 8 Cleveland 6
N.Y. Yankees 2 Tampa Bay 1 (10 ings)
Texas 5 L.A. Angels 4
Chicago White Sox 7 Kansas City 6
Seattle at Oakland

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Florida 5 San Diego 2
Houston 6 Pittsburgh 4
Washington 5 Arizona 0
Philadelphia 4 St. Louis 2
N.Y. Mets 5 San Francisco 0
Milwaukee 8 Colorado 3
Chicago Cubs 5 Cincinnati 1
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota at Detroit, 11:05
Seattle at Oakland, 1:35
N.Y. Yankees at Pittsburgh, 5:05
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 5:05
Baltimore at Toronto, 5:07
L.A. Angels at Texas, 6:05
Chicago Sox at Kansas City, 6:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis at Philadelphia, 11:05
San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 11:10
Colorado at Milwaukee, 12:05
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 12:20
N.Y. Yankees at Pittsburgh, 5:05
Arizona at Washington, 5:10
Florida at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10

CFL

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	GB
Saskatchewan	2	0	0	4
CALGARY	**1**	**1**	**0**	**2**
Edmonton	1	1	0	2
B.C.	0	2	0	0

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	2	0	0	4
Hamilton	1	1	0	2
Toronto	1	1	0	2
Winnipeg	0	2	0	0

WEEK 3

TONIGHT'S GAMES

CALGARY at Montreal, 5
Toronto at Edmonton, 8

TOMORROW'S GAME

B.C. at Winnipeg, 6

SATURDAY'S GAME

Saskatchewan at Hamilton, 2

LOTTERIES

Lotto 6/49 2, 25, 28, 40, 45 & 46. Bonus 34.
Results not official

Tour de France **Competitors ride like the devil**

BOGDAN CRISTEL/REUTERS

A spectator known as Didi, dressed as a devil, jumps beside a pack of riders during the fifth stage of the 95th Tour de France yesterday between Cholet and Chateauroux.

Stewart quitting Joe Gibbs Racing

MOTORSPORTS Two-time NASCAR champion Tony Stewart is to leave Joe Gibbs Racing after 11 years, the team said yesterday. Stewart will complete the 2008 season with Gibbs and is expected to announce his new team later this week.

Media reports said that Stewart, 37, will become a driver for and a partner in Haas CNC Racing from next season.

Stewart, who made his name in Indy car racing, began his involvement with Gibbs in 1997 when he drove in the Nationwide series before entering the full NASCAR series two years later.

Team president J.D Gibbs said: "We have had a lot of success with Tony and while this moment is bittersweet we are parting on good terms and we know that each of us have benefited greatly from the other," he said.

Stewart, who won the NASCAR title in 2002 and 2005 said he was grateful for his time with the team.

"I cannot thank Joe and J.D Gibbs enough for the opportunity they gave me and for the support they've given me throughout my entire NASCAR career," Stewart said in a statement.

"I've learned so much from them and have a tremendous respect for what they have built," he added.

REUTERS

Raptors officially pick up O'Neal

NBA The Toronto Raptors officially acquired six-time all-star forward Jermaine O'Neal from the Indiana Pacers yesterday.

The deal, first reported on June 25, sends point guard T.J. Ford, centre Rasho Nesterovic, forward Maceo Baston and the draft rights to centre Roy Hibbert to Indiana. The Raptors also gain the draft rights to forward Nathan Jawai, who was the 41st pick in the 2008 NBA Draft. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Bucks, Bogut to sign deal: Report

NBA The Milwaukee Bucks have reportedly come to terms with centre Andrew Bogut on a five-year contract worth $60 million US in guaranteed money.

The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reported Wednesday that, according to his agent, David Bauman, the deal, which is worth up to $72.5 million with bonuses, will be official later this week.

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Jays hold off O's, but lose Wells

MLB Alex Rios and David Eckstein each drove in two runs, as the Blue Jays used a seven-run fourth inning to defeat the Baltimore Orioles 9-8 last night in the middle contest of a three-game set in Toronto.

Rios and Eckstein both had two hits and a run scored for Toronto, which has won three of its last four. Vernon Wells was 2-for-4 and scored twice, but left following the sixth inning with leg cramps.

Nick Markakis homered and scored three runs for the O's. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Harang to have MRI on right arm

MLB Cincinnati Reds right-hander Aaron Harang was sent back to Cincinnati yesterday to have an MRI exam on his right forearm. He is expected to miss his next scheduled start, Sunday at Milwaukee.

The 30-year-old is 3-11 this season with a 4.76 earned run average in 20 games, including 19 starts. He is second in the National League in hits given up, with 138 in 123 innings.

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Soak it up
Watering frequently for only brief periods of time causes plant roots to hover near the soil surface. Instead, deep soak to encourage roots to grow far down into the soil. HGTV.COM

Lifestyle

A-list style

Some folks will want to peruse So Chic: Glamourous Lives, Stylish Spaces (Filipacchi, $46.50) by Margaret Russell and the editors of Elle Decor for the boldface names whose interiors are profiled within. But the décor is the real star here. This survey of style is colourful and eclectic enough to provide some serious inspiration. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Keeping your cool, naturally

ArrestingDesign

ROB MELNYCHUK/DIGITAL VISION

Window coverings — especially light-coloured ones — are an easy way to keep the house cooler. When closed, they can deflect up to half of the solar heat that would enter via windows.

Those hot sweltering days of summer are starting to make an appearance. Although we North Americans are accustomed to expensive air conditioning, the design teams knows there are ways to keep your décor naturally cool and inviting (and cheap!).

Think back on what grandma and grandpa always did when those dog days of summer here — and start doing the same thing! A cold lemonade sure does help, but also consider these time-tested ways of keeping your house cool.

One of the most effective ways to cut down on heat entering the house is to cover your windows. Easy and good-looking décor solutions include opaque shades, bamboo blinds, mini-blinds or draperies. When they're closed, they can deflect 40 to 50 percent of the solar heat gain that would enter your home without window coverings.

Light colours work best, since, as we all know, dark colours absorb heat and radiate it into our homes — not a good thing in summer. Close your window coverings and your window to keep out the sun and heated air during the time when the sun wants to shine through your window. This is especially significant for southern and western-facing windows. Only open them in the morning, evening, or at night, when your window is shaded or it is dark. When you do open them, try to open windows at opposite ends of a room to promote circulation.

Consider weatherproof blinds outside your window—these types of blinds can reduce heat entering the house because they deflect it before it enters the house. Shutters can also do the job.

They can be installed seasonally, only for the summer months. But unless you have remote control, you'll have to go outside or reach through your window to open or close these coverings.

Shade, of course, mitigates the hot-house effect. Plantings, although they do take time to grow, can do wonders for reducing sunlight and heat entering your home.

This kind of cover is especially important on the south and west-facing part of the house, and is also beneficial for cutting the morning light on the east side. Deciduous plantings are best because they cut the heat in the summer and allow heat in the winter. Another great way to introduce shade is to use attractive awnings and overhangs outside your windows, especially if the roof overhang does not produce adequate shade.

Awnings look great, especially in a more traditional setting. Inset windows, often found on more contemporary or modern dwellings, also produce shade. Inside the house, try to keep upholstery and fabric surfaces as light-coloured as you can during the summer — if you have dark-coloured upholstery, consider slipcovers.

Choose a gorgeous light-coloured fabric and voila–you've got a great new look that reflects light rather than absorbing it and radiating heat.

Indoor fans also make it feel less hot. Ceiling fans are absolutely priceless at cooling, and there are certainly good-looking models available. Just be careful if you are bargain shopping — sometimes well-priced ceiling fans can be downright ugly.

The same goes for portable or window fans. To blow heat out of the house, they should be located on the downwind side of the house and facing outwards. A window should be open in each room and interior doors open to allow air flow.

And if you still decide you still need to use an air conditioner, just make sure you seal the system well. Use caulking and weatherstripping to minimize the loss of cooled air.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are co-hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

Replant gladioli for successive waves of summer blooms

GARDENING Planting gladioli is a bit different from planting other summer bulbs, writes the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center. In fact, the best way to plant them sounds like a scene from a summer sequel to the movie Groundhog Day. Gladioli are best planted repeatedly, adding more and more to beds, replanting new batches every 10 days or so.

The result is successive waves of new blooms from mid-summer into fall. Most bloom 70 to 80 days afer planting, though some bloom faster (55 days) and others slower (90 days). Gladioli stand tall, with orchid-like blooms borne upright as on a spear.

Plant clusters amidst sturdier plants (roses, sedums, thistles, etc.) to provide support. Or plant them in cutting gardens; their blooms are delightfully long-lasting in the vase.

For more on summer bulbs, see *www.bulb.com*. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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NETHERLANDS FLOWER BULB INFORMATION CENTER

Gladiolus 'Pink Event' large flowering pink gladiolus blooming with Lilium 'Faralilo.'

Gladiolus 'Charming Beauty' with Gladiolus ramosus 'Robinetta' and Sedum spectable.

Gladiolus 'Violetta' (small-flowering variety) with Flower Carpet Apple Blossom roses.

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Good for you: Napa cabbage contains only 15 calories per raw cup while supplying a wealth of healthy nutrients. Like its other cruciferous cousins, broccoli, kale and mustard greens, Napa cabbage is a good source of vitamin C and dietary fibre, as well as folate, Vitamin A, beta carotene and calcium. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Food

Napa cabbage is a tightly packed head of wide stalks with elongated, crinkled leaves that are creamy white or pale green.

Barb Holland/for Metro Calgary

Flavour

It has a mild, sweet cabbage flavour, sort of a cross between cabbage, lettuce and celery. It has a lightly crunchy texture that is good raw, lightly steamed or stir-fried.

À la carte

Barb Holland
Metro Food Writer

Keeping it simple with cool summer salads

When the temperature soars, cooler cooking should prevail. Often our appetites lessen while thirst increases in hot weather. Take your cooking outdoors and serve up big salads by grilling up lots of fresh vegetables and seasoned or marinated meat. Slice all and toss with plenty of crisp greens in a favourite dressing. Keep it simple.

Warm Asian Chicken & Napa Cabbage Salad

Keep the heat out of the kitchen. The main dish salad is a nice combination of colour, texture and flavour and perfect for warm days. Oranges provide a hit of sweetness and colour.

INGREDIENTS:

2 oranges
1 tbsp (15 mL) each: chili garlic sauce and soy sauce
1 lb (500 g) boneless, skinless chicken thighs
1 red pepper, quartered
8 cups shredded napa cabbage (Chinese cabbage), about 1 lb (500 g)
2 green onions, sliced
½ cup (125 mL) fresh coriander leaves
Dressing:
2 tbsp (30 mL) each: rice vinegar and vegetable oil
1 tbsp (15 mL) each: chili garlic sauce, soy sauce, minced fresh ginger
Salt and pepper

METHOD:

Using a sharp knife, remove peel and white pith from oranges. Over a bowl, cut between membranes to release segments. Catch juice in separate small bowl, squeezing remaining membranes to get all the juice. Add 1 tbsp (15 mL) chili garlic sauce and soy sauce to orange juice. Trim any excess fat from chicken and add chicken to orange mixture to marinate while preparing other ingredients.

In large salad bowl, place cabbage, orange segments, green onions and coriander.

Whisk dressing ingredients together.

Grill chicken and red pepper on preheated barbecue over medium to medium-high heat until chicken is tender and cooked through and pepper is lightly softened, 15 to 20 minutes.

Slice chicken and red pepper into strips; add to salad along with dressing and toss well. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 main-course servings.

Storage tips:

• Refrigerate napa cabbage in a plastic bag, as it readily absorbs nearby odours and use within one week.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Oranges provide a hit of sweetness and colour to this recipe which includes Napa cabbage, inset, chicken and red pepper.

When the pizza craving strikes, you can whip one of these quick and simple tortilla pizzas in just minutes.

Faster than you can say 'yum'

The latest book in Eric Akis' bestselling Everyone Can Cook series, Midweek Meals caters to people with busy lifestyles who value eating home-cooked meals with their families. Brimming with over 120 easy-to-follow recipes that are simple and quick to prepare, this book will help you avoid buying expensive, sodium-filled, fat-saturated, ready-made meals. Eric Akis is a food writer for the Times Colonist in Victoria and a freelance food consultant. Whitecap Books has offered Metro this recipe from Everyone Can Cook Midweek Meals: Recipes for Cooks on the Run:

Thin-crust Tortilla Pizza

When the pizza craving strikes, you can whip one up in minutes with this simple recipe using tortillas you can find at any grocery store. The preparation time is 15 minutes, the cooking time is 10–12 minutes and this recipe makes one pizza, or 2–3 servings. Eric's options: Double or triple this recipe if you're feeding a larger group.

INGREDIENTS:

2 10-inch (25 cm) white or whole wheat tortillas
1½ cups (375 mL) grated mozzarella cheese
⅓ cup (75 mL) pizza sauce
Your choice of toppings, such as mushrooms, bell peppers, pepperoni, olives and nuggets of goat cheese

METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C). Place one tortilla on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Evenly top with half the grated cheese. Top with the second tortilla. Spread the pizza sauce overtop.

Sprinkle with the remaining cheese and your desired pizza toppings. Bake for 10–12 minutes. Cool for a minute or two before cutting into wedges and serving.

Everyone Can Cook Midweek Meals: Recipes for Cooks on the Run (Paperback) is available at *Amazon.ca* for $15.72.

Miss Universe
Roberto Cavalli and Nadine Velasquez will join Donald Trump, Jr. and Miss Universe 2004 Jennifer Hawkins as celeb judges of the Miss Universe pageant this Sunday from Vietnam, TMZ reports. METRO

Entertainment

House guest
Former Baywatch star Pamela Anderson has entered Australia's Big Brother house, surprising its six housemates, BBC News reports. METRO

Great Big Sea mix it up

Workman produces, Crowe pitches in on latest album

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The two sides couldn't be any more different: Great Big Sea, a 15-years-strong mainstream East Coast act blending Newfoundland folklore and melodic pop-rock, bringing aboard Ontario-based indie wunderkind Hawksley Workman to produce their latest disc, Fortune's Favour.

Talk about a challenge.

"We were spending weeks circling each other trying to make this collaboration work," GBS multi-instrumentalist/singer Bob Hallett tells Metro. "Once we figured it out, (Hawksley) was able to take advantage of our eclectiness and our desire for quality. And we could focus on his creativity."

Great Big Sea's eighth studio effort finds Hallett and his singer/multi-instrumentalist cohorts Alan Doyle and Sean McCann teaming up with Workman to emphasize all things "big": Big on the production work, big on the emotional flair. Even big on the rock: Not as in the nickname of the trio's home province, but as in upping the amps to 11 for the punk-driven Straight To Hell and Oh Yeah.

WARNER MUSIC CANADA PHOTO

Great Big Sea's Sean McCann, left, Alan Doyle and Bob Hallett have a new album, Fortune's Favour.

Great Big help

Great Big Sea teamed up with, among others, songwriter-producer Hawksley Workman and actor Russell Crowe on the group's latest effort, Fortune's Favour.

Though Hallett played in punk rock bands before joining GBS, credit for the aforementioned two cuts, shockingly, goes to Doyle.

"Back in high school, the bands I used to play in did a lot of hard rock and heavy metal," Doyle says. "I loved the attitude. In the case of Oh Yeah, I always wanted to do a song that could be played in hockey rinks, and had to have body checks written into the song. So I went home that night and put together the four dumbest power chords I could play on guitar and some shout of emotional joy."

Certainly joy could be felt during the recording of Company Of Fools, Doyle's co-write with Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe, whose now-defunct rock group 30 Odd Foot of Grunts once covered Great Big Sea songs. Crowe met Doyle while filming 2005's Cinderella Man, and the friendship resulted in Doyle producing the actor-singer's solo outing, My Hand, My Heart, that same year.

GBS even felt a tinge of the celebrity life when Crowe joined the band on-stage this past St. Patrick's Day in Washington, D.C. "All of a sudden, out of nowhere, this big force of paparazzi showed up," Hallett says. "Very surreal, but very funny."

Not to say the group isn't celebrated in the same way in its home country, where GBS are multi-platinum sellers, multi-East Coast Music Award winners, nine-time Juno nominees and a top concert draw.

"(Hawksley) was able to take advantage of our eclectiness and our desire for quality. And we could focus on his creativity." Bob Hallett

And being hockey fans, it's surprising GBS hasn't been approached by the CBC to compose a new Hockey Night In Canada theme. "We once did submit a song for a segment of Hockey Night In Canada called Play The Game," Doyle says. "Who knows what happened to that?"

Where the cowboys aren't

Stampede is like that particular relative — be he uncle, cousin, or brother-in-law–coming to visit for 10 long, exhausting days.

You know the one. He's kind of endearing at first. Even if he does shout "yee-haw" for no reason and wants to go out every night.

But by the eighth or ninth day, his shtick starts to wear on your patience. Mostly because he's still yelling "yee-haw" every 15 minutes and he still wants to go out every night. If you've just about had enough of his antics, stick with me, kid. Slick City is taking the horns right now and steering you clear of all things steers and buckaroos.

So what about travelling to the South Pole to escape the Stampede? A new documentary called Encounters at the End of the World by Werner Herzog opens at the Plaza Theatre in Kensington tomorrow night.

German filmmaker Herzog directed Grizzly Man, a doc about a somewhat-mad activist killed by the very animals he was protecting. (Guess he should have tried to save the tree frog instead.) Much like that film, Encounters explores the fragile human psyche. But this time Herzog chronicles the lives of 1,000 men and women squished together on a compound in Antarctica. Go to *encounters-film.com* for more info and also visit *calgary-movies.com* for details on other films playing in theatres across town.

But if that's not far enough for you, it's probably safe to declare Mount Royal College's Shakespeare in the Park a cowboy-free zone. SITP began its 21st annual summer season in early July with two selections, The Tempest and the Merry Wives of Windsor. Curtain time at Prince's Island Park is 7:00 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. With the shows alternating weeks, The Tempest plays this Friday and Saturday. Although I've never read it, I'm guessing there's no calf-roping or mechanical bull-riding embedded in the plot. Reserve your seat, starting at $20, by visiting *mtroyal.ab.ca/conservatory/sitp*. And if it's a date night, you can even order a picnic from the River Café.

Now here's my confession. I'm Stampeding this weekend. You can read about my adventures online at *metronews.ca/calgary*. And please e-mail me with any upcoming events at *slickcity@metronews.ca*.

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Lenny Lops Off Skeezy Guy
Lenny Kravitz, left, fired his longtime manager Guy Oseary, TMZ.com reports. METRO

Actors ratify new contract

AFTRA dispute put big-name actors on opposite sides of the issue.

Tom Hanks

Jack Nicholson

Members of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists have ratified a new contract with Hollywood studios that boosts payments for actors whose work appears on the Internet, the union said.

AFTRA said 62.4 per cent of voting members approved the three-year deal with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

"Today's vote reflects the ability of AFTRA members to recognize a solid contract when they see it," AFTRA President Roberta Reardon said in a statement.

The vote came after fierce opposition by the rival Screen Actors Guild, the last major Hollywood union still negotiating with the studios for a new three-year contract. SAG contended a separate deal with AFTRA would dilute its clout at the bargaining table.

SAG represents 120,000 actors in movies, TV and other media. The TV and radio federation has 70,000 members including actors, singers, announcers and journalists. SAG and AFTRA share 44,000 dual members.

The contracts of both unions expired June 30, but both agreed with the studios to keep working under the old terms to avoid a shutdown of the entertainment industry.

Reardon said the vote was unusual because of the "unprecedented disinformation campaign aimed at interfering with our ratification process," and she blamed SAG for politically motivated attacks.

Reardon called on the two warring actors unions to discuss a merger in the months to come.

SAG National President Alan Rosenberg asserted in a statement that AFTRA appealed to its non-acting broadcast members to pass the agreement covering acting jobs.

A-list actors weighed in on the dispute. Tom Hanks, Alec Baldwin and others joined hundreds of actors in signing an online petition urging actors to ratify the AFTRA pact.

Jack Nicholson, Viggo Mortensen and Holly Hunter endorsed a SAG ad calling for AFTRA to return to the negotiating table to get a better deal. George Clooney called the infighting counterproductive.

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"Today's vote reflects the ability of AFTRA members to recognize a solid contract."
AFTRA President Roberta Reardon

In brief

POLITICS The Group of Eight will have to make some tough decisions about its size and make-up or it will lose relevance, Irish rock star activist Bob Geldof said. Geldof, in northern Japan to lobby leaders on the sidelines of the G8 summit, said the number of countries invited to share views with the rich nations showed that the G8 could no longer act on its own. This year's G8 summit includes 22 countries. REUTERS

Madonna loves herself, says brother

BOOKS A memoir by Madonna's brother says the singer really does love her husband, director Guy Ritchie but, apparently, not as much as she loves her career and herself.

"I hope that it is Kabbalah's lesson that she is not the center of the universe," Christopher Ciccone writes in Life With My Sister Madonna, scheduled to come out next Tuesday.

The 342-page book, published by Simon Spotlight Entertainment, arrives at a time when Madonna has been linked to the breakup of the marriage between New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez and his wife, Cynthia Rodriguez, who filed for divorce Monday.

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In brief

QUEBEC The The battle for seating space on the Plains of Abraham between Paul McCartney and Céline Dion has ended in a draw. Dion's husband, René Angélil, was upset her Aug. 22 gig to celebrate Quebec City's 400th anniversary was limited to 100,000 fans; McCartney's July 20 show was for 200,000. Organizers couldn't move Dion's show but have made room for another 100,000. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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CMT has ordered a second season of its hit series My Big Redneck Wedding, as well as a holiday special starring comedian Larry the Cable Guy. REUTERS

Mad Men primed for Emmy win?

TELEVISION Something historic appears to be brewing in anticipation of the announcement of the nominees for the 60th annual Primetime Emmy Awards next Thursday. There is near-unanimous agreement that if ever cable drama series are going to get their rightful representation beyond just HBO, this is the year, what with acclaimed rookies like AMC's Mad Men and Breaking Bad, FX's Damages, and TNT's Saving Grace now in the mix along with Showtime's second-year pair Dexter and The Tudors. Not that there is necessarily any sort of tie-in between the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, but the latter already chose four cable shows among the six nominees for best drama at the Golden Globes in January. Moreover, one of them, Mad Men, won.

And now Mad Men creator/executive producer Matthew Weiner dares to dream of Emmy glory as well.

"It would be especially sweet because with this show I was able to do exactly what I wanted to do. And the 'Mad Men' idea was hardly a natural sell. I mean, a New York ad agency in the early 1960s?"

Rushdie favourite for Best of Booker

LITERATURE Salman Rushdie is the hot favourite to win the Best of the Booker award Thursday, which marks the 40th anniversary of one of the world's most coveted literary prizes. The British author, whose 1988 novel The Satanic Verses angered many Muslims and prompted death threats against him, was the overwhelming front-runner with Midnight's Children, which won the Booker Prize in 1981. Rusdhie was up against Pat Barker (The Ghost Road), Peter Carey (Oscar and Lucinda), Coetzee (Disgrace), J.G. Farrell (The Siege of Krishnapur) and Gordimer (The Conservationist). REUTERS

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First death rattle of TV as we know it?

SMALL SCREEN GETS SMALLER: It probably won't change the fact that his shows are about as funny as swimsuit chafing, but Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane is launching his latest animated venture online this fall, with a series of 50 2-minute episodes of Seth MacFarlane's Cavalcade Of Cartoon Comedy, according to a Hollywood Reporter story.

What perplexes the Reporter is that MacFarlane's show will be hitting the internet through a deal he's made with Google, mere months after the May deal he made with Fox for US$100 million. Fox, you see, owns MySpace, and while the social networking site might not be as big as Google, it's surprising that the Rupert Murdoch's network would let a potentially lucrative online venture slip through their fingers in negotiations.

"Either MacFarlane's reps wanted to add too many zeroes to the deal to attach an Internet component," the Reporter story speculated, "or Fox didn't feel there were enough zeroes in ad revenue from such a deal to care. The latter seems much less likely." MacFarlane can't write a non-gag-based joke to save his life, but his lawyers are obviously real monsters if they could protect the Google deal — which has apparently been in the works for a year — from Fox's legal team during negotiations. In any case, it seems that it was MacFarlane who had the leverage when Fox came to talk money, not the other way around.

There are no details on the Google webisodes — who cares, really? — except that they probably won't involve any characters from Family Guy or American Dad, given intellectual property restrictions inherent in any deal MacFarlane signed with Fox.

What's really interesting is that MacFarlane is obviously sure that going online with a new show is going to be more lucrative in the long run than putting it out on primetime. That sound you heard is the rumble of a tectonic shift in the way business is being done in Hollywood, and perhaps even the first audible death rattle of the broadcast model, long overdue.

FILE UNDER 'DUH': A new Nielsen study reports that people are spending more time watching video content on either their TV or computer screen, according to a New York Times story. I'm sure most of you are wondering how much Nielsen spent reaching that earth-shattering news, which ranks up there with "gas is expensive" and "pizza is awesome" in terms of revelations.

"The average American spent 127 hours of time with TV in May," reported the Times, "up from 121 hours in May 2007; and 26 hours on the Internet, up from 24 hours last year. More than 282 million people watch television in a given month and nearly 162 million use the Internet." Hearing definitively that computers and mobile devices are measurable mediums for TV watching will probably have reverberations for advertisers, and prompt some flop sweat in network executive offices, but once again, there's nothing here that violates either common sense or historical inevitability.

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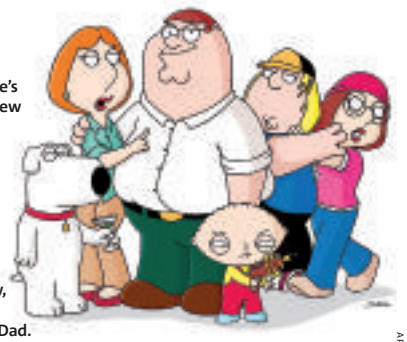

Seth MacFarlane's lucrative new Google webcast won't likely involve any of his characters from Family Guy, right, or American Dad.

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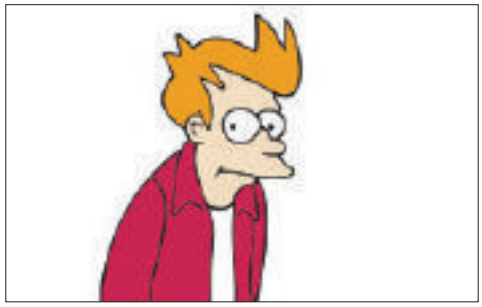
critics' corner

Futurama

Lots of shows do valentine-themed stories, but you won't find any others like "Put Your Head on My Shoulder." Fry starts getting cozy with Amy, but is fearful when she responds in kind. He finds excuses why they shouldn't get that close that fast — but then a related accident puts his head on her body, resulting in major closeness. 9:30 PM on YTV 10:30 PM on TOO



Swingtown

The title of this new episode is "Friends With Benefits," not a term in common use in the 1970s, although the concept certainly existed. The episode finds Tom (Grant Show) feeling pangs of jealousy when Trina (Lana Parrilla) reconnects with her high-school honey, while Janet (Miriam Shor) makes a big impression on the Ladies Auxiliary, even though it's Susan (Molly Parker) who wants the group's approval. 8 PM on CICT

Ugly Betty

She's the anti-Amanda — sort of. Actress-comic Mo'Nique guest stars in this episode as L'Amanda, the weekend receptionist at Mode and a formidable force that Betty and Henry (America Ferrera, Christopher Gorham) must face to retrieve something important from the office. Wilhelmina (Vanessa Williams) contemplates her next move, while Betty seeks to fix the situation with Daniel (Eric Mabius) in "I See Me, I.C.U." 9 PM on CKAL KXLY

More kids for Mel B

Spice Girl star Melanie Brown wants more children with husband Stephen Belafonte — and may have 11 more if he gets his way. "We plan to have some more kids," she says. "He says he wants 12 or 13." METRO

Celebrity Buzz

Jolie pics were fake

SPECIAL WINDOWS Don't expect to catch any glimpses of Angelina Jolie in her hospital room.

The hospital in Nice, France, where Jolie, 33, is staying as she awaits the birth of her twins has coated the windows of her room with special insulating material that cameras cannot see through, various news sources report. The news comes after several photographs — allegedly of Jolie and Brad Pitt — have surfaced.

"It is impossible to see into Mr. Brad Pitt and Mrs. Angelina Jolie's room," a rep for the Fondation Lenval hospital said in a statement. "So any pictures released are either posed fakes set up by paparazzi or they are pictures of other patients. We hope this is clearly understood out of respect for all patients in this clinic."

This week, Pitt was spotted arriving at the hospital, where he visited Jolie, who is staying in a four-room suite overlooking the Mediterranean.

Pitt has been a frequent visitor, bringing the couple's daughters, Shiloh, 2, and Zahara, 3, along. On Saturday the actress' brother James Haven also visited.

Jolie is undergoing observation and is expected to give birth anytime "in the next weeks," her obstetrician said.

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Amy in more fisticuffs

PUB ATTACK As the sentencing of her husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, nears, Amy Winehouse has been accused of lashing out at a stranger — for the third time in two weeks, various media outlets report.

In the most recent altercation, she reportedly punched a fellow drinker at Camden's Dublin Castle pub in what was claimed was an unprovoked attack.

"She was in front of me at the bar and suddenly turned and walloped me three times across the face," Wayne Lindsay, 29, told Britain's Daily Mirror. "I couldn't believe it. I hadn't said a word to her or touched her."

A source close to the singer tells *People.com* that Winehouse merely reacted because someone grabbed her from behind — and that her security then stepped in.

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Fan saves Pearl Jam photos

LOST AND FOUND A Pearl Jam fan came to the rescue of frontman Eddie Vedder in New York last week after the rocker's girlfriend left an iPhone full of personal photos on the back seat of a cab, *imdb.com* reports . The devotee was quick to return the item when Vedder called it. He was rewarded well by the rocker. METRO NEWS SERVICES

celebrity brief

Mayer 'hooked up' with a fan

NAMELESS John Mayer might be keeping mum about his current steamy relationship with Jennifer Aniston, but the soulful singer opened up recently night about a past relationship — with a nameless fan, *people.com* reports. During an intimate performance at the Z100 Lounge at New York City's Spotlight Live nightclub for radio station Z100, Mayer was asked by a concert-goer if he had ever "hooked up" with a fan from a performance. Mayer responded, "Do you respect my honesty? Yes, I have."

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Cook fights dog poop eviction

CLEANUP Comedian Dane Cook is relying on a jury to clear him of allegations that the star allows his pet dog to defecate on the land surrounding his Los Angeles home, *IMDB.com* reports. The Good Luck Chuck star is facing eviction from the West Hollywood apartment after allegedly ignoring three warnings from the building's owner about his chihuahua's dog poop.

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celebrity brief

Barrymore's denial

SPLIT Actress Drew Barrymore has denied claims she withheld news of her split from boyfriend Justin Long from People Magazine because it published unflattering pictures of her, *imdb.com* reports.

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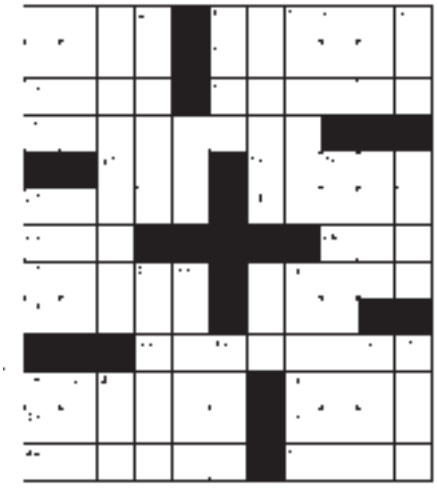
No tattoos: Kilmer

INK Val Kilmer was put off ever getting a tattoo by the thought of wearing the same dirty T-shirt forever, a comparison a colleague of his made when he was only 14 years old. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ali's no Miley

Fourteen-year-old Ali Lohan says the sound of her upcoming album is different from fellow teen star Miley Cyrus: "She's really good," Ali tells People Magazine. "But I have different music than her. It's a different vibe. Mine is more hip-hop. Kind of like Rihanna." METRO

Take Five



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11 Ibuprofen target
12 Five-time Derby winner
13 Worry
14 Baby rocker
15 Was enjoyable
17 Assam export
18 Stair part
22 Get some shuteye
24 Handled
25 Lot sight
26 Put away
27 Not sneaky
30 Quasimodo's concern
32 Tall boot
33 Unconscious
34 Nightspots
38 Mysterious
41 Vaccine variety
42 Probability
43 Where El Misti rises
44 Stagger
45 Wax-coated cheese

Crossword down

1 Guffaw, informally
2 Field unit
3 Protected
4 Sofa's cousin
5 Snack in a shell
6 Goofs
7 Maine park
8 Ticked off
9 Web address
10 Usher's creator
16 Opening
19 Suffered in the heat
20 List-ending abbr.
21 Goes bad
22 Flat-bottomed boat
23 Kilauea flow
28 Take back
29 Spell
30 Big snake
31 Atlas section
35 Saloon order
36 Scarlett's home
37 Run-down area
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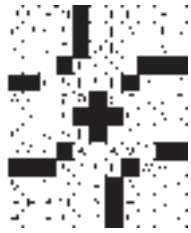

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Keep your love blazing in spite of tension. Desperate acts will confuse you. Emergency measures must be taken.

TAURUS ♈
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Flabbiness calls for action. Vanity interferes with getting what you want. A coworker wants to walk off the job.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Watch out for fire engines. A love interest sparks your mischief. Express respect for an elder's solid values.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Be prepared to come to someone's rescue. Misery loves company, but you may not. You have to demand action from somebody.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Get straight to the point with an authority figure. An older person makes unreasonable demands. Visit a person who has peculiar notions.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Increase your credibility if you wish to avoid shame. Analyze a wild romantic who is destitute. A stupendous bore talks about profits.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Pay attention to someone with a grievance. Travelling will have twists and turns. Sharing expenses will help develop harmony.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24- NOV 22
A mystic has enlightenment to distribute. You'll be aware of potent silences. Avoid being cynical about a friend's happiness.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23- DEC 21
A goofy guy is a guardian angel. Be empathetic with someone who has failed. A self-induced crisis is looming.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Your patience will be rewarded in due time. Nonsense has some people bothered. Someone just wants to have a fight.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You must improvise in order to fix things. You'll get great bargains. Activity will increase by day's end.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MAR 20
Don't make assumptions or you'll look silly. Have a comfort session with a friend. Menial domestic chores will be too thrilling.

This day in history

JULY 10, 988: The City of Dublin is founded on the banks of the river Liffey.

JULY 10, 1212: The most severe of several early fires of London burns most of the city to the ground.

JULY 10, 1913: Death Valley, California hits 134 °F (about 56 °C), which is the highest temperature recorded in the United States.

JULY 10, 1958: In Alaska the highest tsunami wave ever recorded at Lituya Bay, at 524 metres high.

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Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
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25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

Calgary weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
80% Thundershowers. 16°	Thundershowers. Low 5°	Sunny. 16°/ 5°	Partly cloudy. 21°/ 9°	Mainly sunny. 23°/ 8°

Temperature
Normals
High: 24°
Low: 9.2°

Records
High: 34°/1985
Low: 1.1°/1885

Sunrise: 5:33 a.m.
Sunset: 9:48 p.m.
Moonset: 12:26 a.m.
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